

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

P.S. – Town Planning Department – Sri D. Venkata Ratnam, the then Town Planning Officer, Municipal Corporation, Guntur - Departmental Proceedings initiated on certain allegations – Explanation submitted - Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (L1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 541

Date: 13-04-2009

Read the following:

1. Charge Memo.No.15858/98/M2-10, dated 25-09-2001.
2. Explanation of Sri D. Venkata Ratnam, the then Town Planning Officer, Municipal Corporation, Guntur dated 29-10-2001.
3. Representation of Sri D. Venkata Ratnam, the then Town Planning Officer, Municipal Corporation, Guntur dated 24-03-2009.
4. Memo.No.20660/L2/2008-1, dated 29-01-2009.
5. From the DTCP Lr.Roc.No.15858/1998/M2, dt.16-03-2009.

ORDER

In the reference 1st read above, the Director of Town & Country Planning, Hyderabad has issued Charge Memo to Sri D. Venkata Ratnam, the then Town Planning Officer, Municipal Corporation, Guntur on certain allegations that he has allowed the deviations and violations in certain constructions during the year 1982 - 1993 and 1994-97. In the reference 2nd read above, Sri D. Venkata Ratnam, the then Town Planning Officer, Municipal Corporation, Guntur has submitted his explanation denying the charges framed against him and requested to drop the charges leveled against him.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, Sri D. Venkata Ratnam, the then Town Planning Officer, Municipal Corporation, Guntur has made representation to the Government in the reference 3rd read above, stating that he has submitted his explanation to the charges in the 2nd read above to the DTCP denying the charges and to drop further action on the ground that he had worked in Guntur Municipal Corporation as Town Planning Officer only for a brief period of 4 months i.e., from 18-07-1996 to 20-11-1996. During the short period of incumbency, he was not responsible for the deviations taken place during the earlier period 1982-1993 and 1994-1997. He has also submitted that due to pendency of disciplinary case, causing mental agony and adversely affecting promotional prospects. He has, therefore, requested to consider his explanation and drop further action.

3. The Director of Town & Country Planning, Hyderabad who has been consulted in the matter has reported in the reference 5th read above, that the disciplinary case is pending for want of enquiry officer's report. He has stated that the Enquiry Officer viz., Sri P. Thimma Reddy, the then RDDTP, Guntur who was appointed as Enquiry Officer in the year 2002 has expressed inability to enquire into the charges framed against Sri D. Venkata Ratnam, the then Town Planning Officer, Municipal Corporation, Guntur and other officer who is senior to him and requested to appoint some other senior officer as enquiry officer to conduct enquiry against the above Joint Director(Retd.). In this connection in the year 2005, Sri Syed Muzafar Hussain, Director, House Numbering Cell, MCH was appointed as enquiry officer to conduct enquiry against Sri D. Venkata Ratnam, the then Town Planning Officer, Municipal Corporation, Guntur and other officer. As the matter stood thus the enquiry officer Sri Syed Muzafar Hussain has also requested in the year 2006 for relief as he was pre occupied

with the Charminar Pedestrianisation work in MCH and requested to appoint some other enquiry officer in his place. In view of the above he has submitted that the enquiry against Sri D. Venkata Ratnam, the then Town Planning Officer, Municipal Corporation, Guntur and other officer could not be finalized and the case is pending due to difficulty expressed by the enquiry officers to conduct enquiry against the charged officers.

4. Government have examined the charges framed against Sri D. Venkata Ratnam, the then Town Planning Officer, Municipal Corporation, Guntur and the explanation submitted in the reference 2nd & 3rd read above and it has been observed that the building owners have paid penal amounts under building regularization scheme (BRS) and regularized the deviations. Therefore, it is decided to accept the submission of the charged officer to the charges and drop further action against him.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri D. Venkata Ratnam, the then Town Planning Officer, Municipal Corporation, Guntur and exonerating him from the charges framed against him.

5. The Director of Town & Country Planning, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. C.V.S.K. SARMA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri D. Venkata Ratnam, the then Town Planning Officer, Municipal Corporation, Guntur through DTCP, Hyderabad.
The Director of Town & Country Planning, Hyderabad.
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// FORWARDED : BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER